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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9880**
Noriaki TAKAICHI : Docket No. 2001-1772A
Serial No. 09/980,311 : Group Art Unit 2187
Filed February 7, 2002 : Examiner Kimberly McLean-Mayo

DATA PREREADING DEVICE, DATA
PREREADING METHOD, AND ITS
RECORDING MEDIA (AS AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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